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*Irrigation tank for Mangapatty village, Musiri taluk, Tiruchirappalli district.*

* 457 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the villagers of Mangapatty, Musiri taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, have made any representation to the District Collector and Executive Engineer, Tiruchirappalli, requesting the Government to construct an irrigation tank in their village;

(*b*) whether any investigation was made and any estimate prepared;

(*c*) whether the villagers offered to contribute a portion of the cost of the construction; and

(*d*) if so, at what stage the proposal now stands;

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No representation was made to the District Collector but representations were made to the Executive Engineer and the Superintending Engineer.

" (*b*) A preliminary investigation was made and an approximate estimate prepared.

" (*c*) The villagers did not offer any contribution when making the representations in 1950 and 1952 but it is now reported that the hon. Member has recently written to the Public Works Department saying that the ryots are willing to pay half the cost.

" (*d*) The proposal was dropped as not being feasible due to its prohibitive cost, poor catchment area and poor grow more food value and particularly the fact that it involved the submersion of 150 acres to irrigate 100 acres of land."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" What is the approximate cost of the scheme? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The cost of the scheme is estimated to be Rs. 1,25,000."

*Variation of bus routes.*

* 458 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether variations of bus routes are given to certain operators in the State?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is in affirmative. Applications for variation of bus routes are considered by the Transport authorities on merits after following the prescribed procedure and variation is granted if there is need for it in the public interest."